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The American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in a small way in the collection
of coins of the United States

Would be pleased to have you recommend the best
method of obtaining data in reference to coins and their
value.

What books or booklets on Numismatic would you
recommend?

What is the best method of keeping coins in a
collection, especially with a view of preventing un-
circulated proof coins from tarnishing?

How can you obtain uncirculated coins without
necessitating the purchase of same from a collector?

How do you obtain proof or brilliant proof
coins as manufactured by the United States Government,
or do they manufacture the same at the present time?

What is the best magazine on Numismatic?

Any information along the above lines will be
greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Davies
Chief Inspector.

c/o THE LUNKENHEIMER COMPANY.

April 17th, 1922.

Charles A. Davies, Esq.,
c/o The Lunkenheimer Company,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

The questions you asked in your letter are somewhat involved. Most of the things you desire can only be obtained by time and experience. There are very few books on United States Coins. About as good a little hand-book as any is issued by Cuttag Brothers, 52 Wall Street, New York. Possibly the best way to familiarize yourself with the value of coins is to get hold of priced auction sales catalogues.

I am sending you an application blank for membership in the American Numismatic Association. The dues are fifty cents a year and the subscription to the Numismatist, the magazine they publish, is one dollar and a half. I am also enclosing a list of the various coin dealers that I would advise you to write to. This is the best way to get your coins. Belonging to the Association will help you considerably as your name will appear in the magazine, and you can get in touch with various members and dealers through their advertisements.

Some collectors prefer to get their coins in shallow trays, others in small square envelopes.

Nothing will prevent proof coins from gradually tarnishing. The government no longer issues proof coins, but these can be gotten from any of the dealers.

I think the above will answer most of your questions.

Very truly yours

Curator.